

usOS - The Cooptocracy Platform



Our organization, the [Societal Progress Cooperative](#), is designing a governance platform for massive decentralized cooperatives called usOS, “the Cooptocracy platform”, which will empower users to organize and govern themselves as solidarity cooperatives, where all stakeholders can own and govern their organization cooperatively with *distributed hybrid governance systems*.

Traditional coop governance models are unable to scale, usOS dissolves the barriers of forming massive cooperatives and platform cooperatives. The platform

has the potential to transition platforms like Facebook to become platform cooperatives owned and governed by the users, workers, and investors. Imagine how much more user-friendly Facebook would be if the governance was massively decentralized where everyone has the opportunity to vote and have their voice heard. The usOS model is ultimately more effective and efficient at producing value for customers, workers, owners, and all benefactors.

The missing elements that have kept Sustainy and many social change organizations from succeeding or scaling are:

- Cooperative organizing platforms with a governance structure that automatically adjusts the power dynamics, on the continuums from centralized to decentralized governance types.
- Systems to empower these organizations to govern and organize themselves in a ~horizontal ~holocracy way.

We are going to change that with the "Cooptocracy Platform".

Invitation of Cooperation: I invite you to collaborate and participate in the incubation, birth, and development, and implementations of usOS. Please feel free to add comments or suggest edits. Building usOS will be a grassroots effort involving all stakeholders, the goal is societal transcendence while generating enough revenue to sustain the contributors and the growth and development of the system and organization.

Link to this document:

<https://tiny.cc/us-os> - <https://cooptocracy.com/>

The directory of the leading contributor, [Jonathan Bean](#), <https://tiny.cc/jon-directory>

Our cooperative is more of a [societal progress enterprise](#) and [solidarity cooperative](#) with goals and laws structured to attain societal wellbeing in addition to profit to sustain itself and its contributors.

The technology has been introduced in the allegory of a medical diagnosis of society as one being.

1. Societal Diagnosis:

Society has developed the condition of a **Plutocracy**; a disproportionate unhealthy control by the massively wealthy, hyper-centralization, excessive concentration of power.

Symptoms: Concentrations of power lead to corruptions and extreme inefficiencies and endemic scarcities.

Treatment: Decentralization, distributism, solidarity platform cooperativism, ~Cooptocracy. The dialectic [thesis, antithesis] is of individualism and collectivism, competition and collaboration. Cooptocracy is the synthesis of all forms of governments [socialism, distributism, meritocracy, plutocracy].

Prognosis: If we adhere to the treatment things will get better in a couple years.

1.1. Decentralized Autonomous Collaborative Design Canvas:

In this collaborative design canvas we invite the public and collaborators to insert their suggested edits and comments. Add your version of the answer to the questions and your version of the diagnoses, speculations, and solutions with initials and/or highlight or text color or as a comment by selecting text and adding a comment to it.

Proposed Model for the Societal Progress Cooptocracy Platform for the Massively Collaborative Economy

Designed by [Jonathan Bean](#) and [Partners](#). [Share with this link](#).

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3. The Problem: Plutocracy

Plutocracy is a form of government where the majority of political and economic power belongs to a minority of wealthy elites. The concentration of wealth and

power into the hands of a few people has created a multitude of *problems [culminating in massive unnecessary material and spiritual poverty, massive ecosystem destruction, extremification of weather, and perpetual war].

Let's examine why these problems are happening, the fundamental causes, and explore solutions.

4. The solution: The Cooptocracy Platform

I am working on building a model for a platform to help form an alternative organizational and governmental form called Cooptocracy. It can be used to own and govern a new kind of cooperative and massively collaborative organization. This kind of cooperative has the potential and intention to provide all products and services usually provided by traditional governments, "for-profit" and "not-for-profit" corporations, and public benefit organizations. It will generate material and societal wealth in a more ethical, efficient, and sustainable style.

I have outlined a proposed model for the collective decision making system for these organizations.

I propose an advanced system of organic delegation, where everyone gets a *fair proportion of the decision power. Each decision must have X proportion of consensus.

Proportions of the will of the group. The will of the group is decided through a hybrid government system that aggregates the beliefs, perspectives, and preferences of the many.

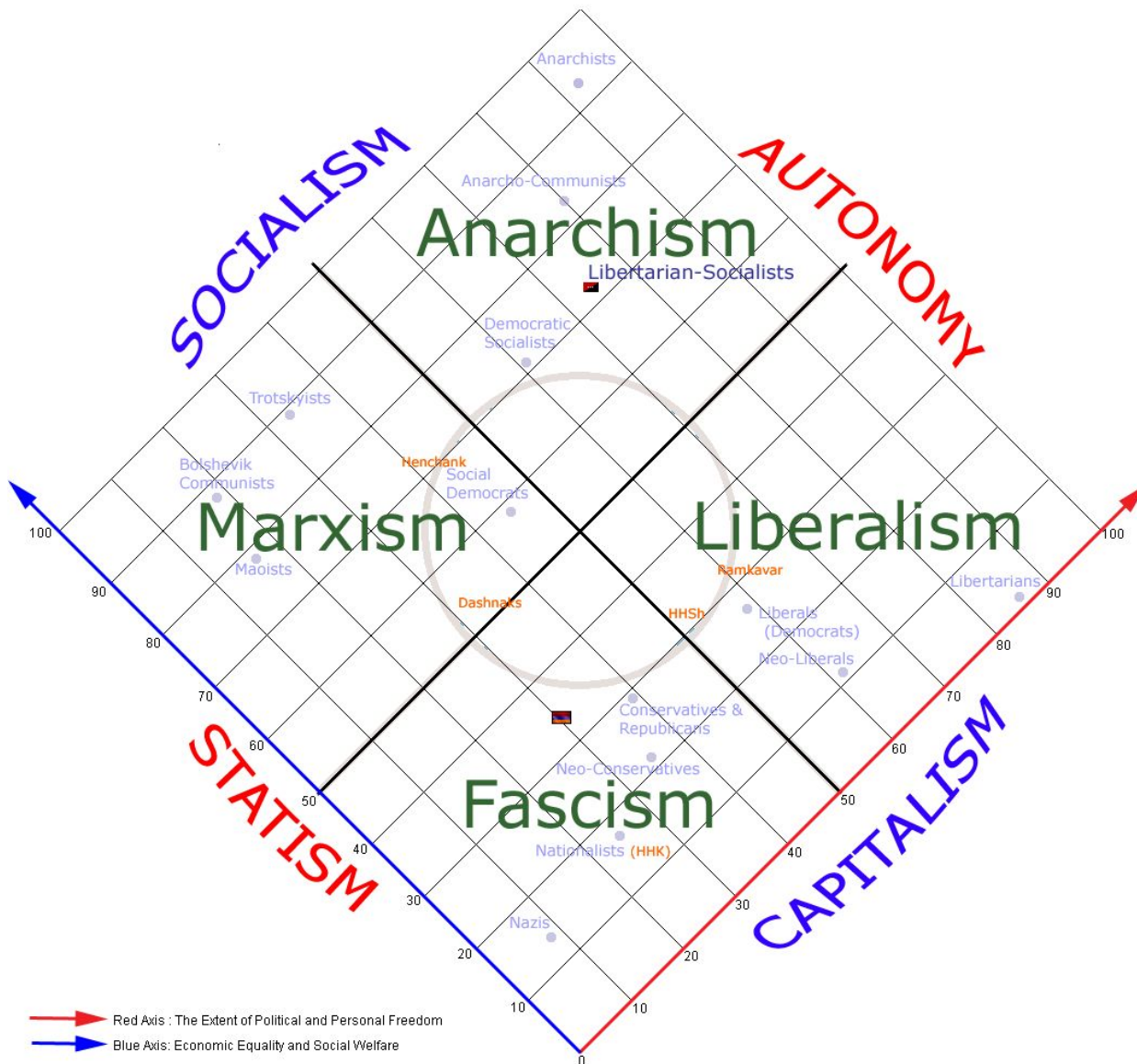
The cooptocracy platform will be similar to other consensus platforms:

[Consensus With Large Groups](#)

[BITNATION ConsiderIt consensus platform](#)

The platform allows a hybrid customizable form of government.

What does a government look like that incorporates all forms of government?



5. Distributism based government *[25%]

stake::

Let's say for example 25% of voting points goes to every stakeholder. Every living being on the planet can be represented here equally.

See: [How is voting done?](#)

Possibly use some liquid democracy platform like [united.vote](#)

6. Meritocracy based government *[25%]

stake:

25% is earned by achieving and proving certain competencies for certain kinds of decisions. Credentials are achieved with swarm consensus.

Possibly we will fork daostack for this element.

7. Capitalism based government *`[50%]:

50% is distributed in direct proportion to what energy and resources a person has invested into the organization.

`[Individuals are limited to *[3%] stake, and *[5%] for families.]

Liquid democracy can be used for this class as well.

8. Example

There are one trillion decision points for each decision, 250 billion would be distributed equally to all stakeholders. Each person has the option to distribute those points to representatives for each category of decisions, probably could be done with a 15-minute minimum questionnaire, where they could be matched like a dating website matches people in relationships. I can see the same model being used to match lovers to match people to representatives, look at ok cupid, there are a limitless amount of questions you can answer to increase matching accuracy.

The another 250 billion could be distributed based on reputation and competency tests and some kinds of credentials. Or these points could be distributed based on many hybrid kinds of governance principles.

The remaining 500 billion would be distributed in direct proportion to what each person has invested to the organization.

It is a holistic perspective organizational model that integrates all philosophies of governance as the holistic perspective is a synthesis of all perspectives.

Please feel welcome to contribute constructive feedback, questions, and reactions related to the model proposed or anything related.

Supplements

9. Team, Credits, Partners:

- [Jonathan Bean](#)
 - President, Lead Organization and Software Systems Architect, and Developer

- [Srihari Kapu](#)
 - Systems Architect and Developer
- Please add yourself to the list with description and connection details if desired.

Siblings: I am not the only one working on the decentralized governance space I introduce you to others like us, Cultu.re, DAOstack.io Aragon

[Culture – Prepare for the Future of Interplanetary Governance](#)

[DAOstack - An operating system for collective intelligence](#)

[Web of Trust Info](#)

[Nexty Platform – a Bright Future for Daily Transaction](#)

[Aragon](#)

- [Aragon Wiki](#)

10. Potential partnerships:

- 10.1. Cultu.re

- [18.2 Culture White Paper](#)
- Jon has helped develop the gamification and community systems for

Culture.

- 10.2. Sustainable Law Center, Berkeley

- 18.4 Making it easier to create and maintain cooperatives with law.

- 10.3. P2p foundation

- 10.4. Daostack

12. Join or Explore the collaborative for societal progress:

- [Societal Progress Cooptocracy Platform](#) This facebook group is a good place to organize ourselves.
- [Our Telegram channel](#) is also a good place to discuss questions and collaborate.
 - t.me/us_os_Cooptocracy
- Some people like discord better since it allows voice chat and other nice integrations. Join our [discord channel here](#):
 - <https://discord.gg/G3dVKxh>

The law of laws: Increase and encourage opportunities to increase societal health and wealth and decrease and discourage opportunities to do harm to health and wealth of society.

13. References:

- Discussions on: [Societal Progress Collaborative Virginia Platform](#) facebook group. Please join if you want to collaborate on societal progress anywhere.
- Here is another discussion I hosted that molded my perspective:
<https://www.facebook.com/JonathanNBean/posts/10154766917275485?pnref=story>
- [The Wisdom of Crowds - Wikipedia](#)
- Visit the [societal progress collaborative google drive](#) with the library for societal progress collaborators.

13.1. Inspirations:

- [Wings — A decentralized platform to create, join and manage projects](#)
- Holocracy: [How It Works — Holacracy](#)
- [FreedomCoop](#) platform to manage cooperatives.
- [Ethereum Project](#) platform to create decentralized apps, dapps.
- [Distributism — Wikipedia](#)
- [Adventures Through Astral Realms – Medium](#)

[Permaculture - Wikipedia](#)

[Great Transition - Wikipedia](#)

13.2. Learn more

13.2.1. platform cooperativism

- [13.2 The platform cooperative movement - Resonate](#)
[Solidarity Cooperatives - P2P Foundation](#)

[Forms of government - Wikipedia](#)

- [Decentralization - Wikipedia](#)
 - [Regenesi \(non-profit organization\) - Wikipedia](#)
 - [Sharing economy - Wikipedia](#)
 - [Libertarian socialism - Wikipedia](#)

- [Capitalism - Wikipedia](#)

[wealth elites - Google Search](#)

- [Elite - Wikipedia](#)
 - [Plutocracy - Wikipedia](#)
- [Economic Elites Will Only Give Up Power and Wealth When Forced to Do So](#)
- [Meet the Global Financial Elites Controlling \\$46 Trillion In Wealth | Alternet](#)
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15. Other Projects of Societal Progress

Cooperative

- [Societal Progress Collaborative - Google Drive](#)
- [Onboarding for Swarm authentication system team members - Google Docs](#)
- [Sustainy, Sustainable Economy Platform - Google Docs](#)
- Universal plan ([Web view](#))
- Wealth generating resource token system notes ([Web view](#))
 - This token will facilitate value exchange of an actual tangible value, such as a portion of a solar panel, so 1 token might be worth 1% of a solar panel. The system designs are a bit raw but this project is necessary to support the cooptocracy platform.

Website: <http://Sustainy.org>

Map of model. <https://mm.tt/744677901?t=14pQi4h195>

<https://www.mindmeister.com/744677901?t=14pQi4h195>

Collaborative questioning and answering

What is a good graph that explains the forms of governments?

<http://www.anarchy.no/andebate>.

Add your answer to wiki-questions:

What are the consequences of plutocracy [rule by oligarchy of minority of wealthiest elites]?

What would happen if everyone divested their wealth from going towards these elites and instead invested their wealth in cooperatively owned and governed organizations and wealth generating resources?

What government philosophies should we add to the platform?

[Distributism - Wikipedia](#)

How is voting done?

People can have a personalized bot auto generated based on data that is mined from their computer use. This bot offers users the opportunity to delegate their voting power to the personalized bot and/or to someone that they think can represent them on any particular kind of decision.

16. Missions

Contribute to missions and earn usOS tokens.

[**16.1. Mission 1: Design branding and logo**](#)

[**16.2. Mission 2: “Gather Data”**](#)

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